relief measures. The High Level Committee on Relief (HLCR) finalises its recommendations for central assistance to be approved to the affected States having regard to the report submitted by the Central Teams. On the basis of HLCR's recommendations, ceilings of expenditure has been approved for different States for different relief measures.

(d) Additional demands over and above the ceilings of expenditure already approved for drought relief have been received from Orissa for the period upto March, 1988 and from the States of Haryana and Rajasthan for the period upto June/July, 1988. While Additional Central assistance in the case of Orissa has been approved, the requests of Rajasthan and Haryana will be considered in accordance with the established procedure.

Shortage of drinking water in Southern States

1806. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of drinking water in various Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of such States; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to provide drinking water to all the Southern States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Out of 15 States affected by drinking water scarcity during 1987 drought, 4 Southern States were also affected. However, with the various measures undertaken for supply of safe drinking water, the drinking water situation in these States is well within control. No problem has been reported by the concerned States.

(b) Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

(c) The States were advised to draw up a contingency plan to combat scarcity of drinking water, to repriorities their plan programmes in the rural water supply sector by diverting funds to the hard core affected areas and also to lay emphasis on source finding activities and to dovotail activities under NREP, RLEGP, etc.

Details of funds released to the drought affected Southern States under the normal Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and the ceilings of expenditure approved by the Government as part of drought relief assistance for combating drinking water scarcity in the affected areas are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

(Rs. in crores)

S. No.	Name of State	Release under ARWSP	Ceilings of expenditure approved by Government		
			Rural Areas	*Urban Areas*	*Purchase of rigs/ geophysical equipments*
1	Andhra Pradesh	24.93	8.71	3.39	0.43
2	Karnataka	20.70	4.43	2.905	0.33
3	Kerala	13.98	7.64	330	0.23
4	Tamil Nadu	25.82	5.60	7.11	1.45
		85.43	26.38	16.705	2.44

TV Relay Station at Neyveli

1809. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Television relay centre at Neyveli in Tamilnadu is likely to be hooked with the Madras Doordarshan in the larger interest of the public;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping in view the availability of the required infrastructure, it has been decided in principle to restrict the microwave linkage between the studio centre and high power TV transmitters only. The transmitter at Neyveli is a low power transmitter.

भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम द्वारा पुस्तिकाओं का प्रकाशन

1810. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **पर्यटन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1986-87 के वर्ष के दौरान भारतीय पर्यटन विकास निगम द्वारा पर्यटन पर कितनी पुस्तिकाएं (अंग्रेजी और हिंदी में प्रकाशित की गयीं और ऐसी पुस्तिकाओं के नाम क्या हैं ;

(ख) कितनी पुस्तिकाएं मूलतः हिंदी में लिखी गयीं और कितनी पुस्तिकाओं का हिंदी में अनुवाद किया गया ;

(ग) इन पुस्तिकाओं का हिंदी में लेखन और सम्पादन करने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था है ; और

(घ) निगम के कार्यालय में हिंदी प्रकाशन और सम्पादन के कार्य के लिए पर्याप्त स्टाफ की नियमित व्यवस्था कब तक कर दिए जाने की संभावना है

शहरी विकास मंत्री और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई) : (क) भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम अपने अलावा केंद्रीय पर्यटन विभाग एवं राज्य सरकारों/पर्यटन निगमों के लिए पर्यटक प्रचार साहित्य का मुद्रण एवं प्रकाशन करता है ।